

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee
For Meeting of November 3, 2003

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Syed Rizvi, North Marin Water District
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Pamela Torliatt, City of Petaluma
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Mike Bierman, City of Petaluma
Jay Jasperse, Sonoma County Water Agency
Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency
Pam Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency
Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa
Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa
Pam Nicolai, Marin Municipal Water District
Ron Theisen, Marin Municipal Water District
Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District
Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati
Carl Leivo, City of Rohnert Park
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Jake MacKenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Armando Flores, City of Rohnert Park
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma
Gerry Nakano, West Yost & Associates
John Nelson, JONWRM
Matt Mullan, Windsor
Jon Tracy, Sonoma County PRMD
Eric Reichard, U.S. Geological Survey

Public Attendees:

H.R. Downs, O.W.L. Foundation
Steven Carle, Penngrove
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Ton Yarish, Friends of the Esteros
Greg Carr, Sonoma County PRMD

A. Call to Order

Virginia Porter, on behalf of Chairman Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa,
called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Introductions

The attendees made introductions.

C. Approval of October 6, 2003 Minutes

Pamela Tortiatt, City of Petaluma, recommended that changes be made to item G and item I. With the changes made, Ms. Tortiatt made a motion to approve the minutes and Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon District, seconded. All favored.

D. Public Comment

Brenda Adelman suggested that when a motion has been made, the vote count be reflected in the minutes, as well as the motion clearly stated, possibly even verbatim. She also clarified her comments that were in the October 6, 2003 meeting minutes.

E. Update on Eel River - SCWA

Randy Poole, SCWA, reported that there was not an update at this time.

F. Follow-up Discussion on Santa Rosa's Allocation Methodology

Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa, asked SCWA if they had any comments regarding the letter that was sent by the City of Santa Rosa to the SCWA Board regarding their proposed allocation methodology. Randy Poole, SCWA, reported that their legal department was reviewing the proposed methodology. Mr. Poole stated that their legal department would talk to each of the contractors legal department before any action was taken by the SCWA. A discussion followed in regards to the purpose of Santa Rosa sending the letter on their own, without the combined effort of the WAC. Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa, explained that there were two main reasons that the letter was sent; 1) we want the Water Agency to have a plan so that we know what to expect in case of a shortage of any kind, and 2) BPU and City Council are very concerned about demand hardening, and we want to make sure there is justification for further investment in reducing water use. Mr. Martini agreed with the WAC that more discussion was to take place before SCWA formally adopts their allocation plan. Mr. Martini offered the services of Gerry Nakano, West Yost & Associates, in assisting anyone that was interested in further discussing the methodology. Mr. Martini also agreed to send out the spreadsheets that were used in creating the data within the technical memorandum illustrating the methodology. Pamela Torliatt, City of Petaluma, restated her motion from the previous meeting that the WAC members needed to work together in creating a proposal to submit to the Agency. Ms. Torliatt then made a motion to have the contractors, at the next WAC meeting, bring back their proposals for a methodology for water allocation according to section 3.5 of the Eleventh Amended Agreement and for water allocation from the existing and proposed use within the 75,000 acre feet annually as request in SCWA's August 11 letter. This one-month timeframe that Ms. Torliatt proposed was expressed as a problem with many of the contractors. After some discussion, a three-month timeframe was proposed. Ms. Torliatt said that she would amend her motion, if Mr. Poole assured the WAC that nothing would be decided by the Agency within this time frame. Mr. Poole stated that although he thinks they need to continue to move forward, the three to six month timeframe

was reasonable. Therefore, Ms. Torliatt, amended her motion to have the contractors bring back their ideas at the February 2004 WAC meeting. Armando Flores, City of Rohnert Park, seconded. The motion was carried by the following vote: 5 (Y) / 2 (N) / 1 (A), with Santa Rosa and Sonoma voting no and Forestville absent.

G. Update on Impairment Condition MOU Extension

The MOU committee meeting has not yet taken place. John Nelson distributed and reviewed *Recap of MOU And Key Calcs Supporting MOU*, and reviewed the history of the current MOU as well as the allocation method used to calculate the peak demand numbers Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa, asked the WAC what the next step should be. It was decided that the committee would wait to discuss the MOU extension until the WAC has received the Agency's response from the letter that was sent in by the WAC in October regarding MOU extension and key timelines, and for the SCWA draft Water Supply Agreement. This item will be placed on the January 2004 agenda.

H. Update on Monthly Usage of Water during the Month of October

Randy Poole, SCWA, stated that an update would be given at the December meeting.

I. Groundwater Study

Jay Jasperse, SCWA, introduced Eric Reichard from USGS who proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation on the USGS study of groundwater resources in Sonoma County. It was requested that Mr. Reichard distribute the presentation to the WAC members, he agreed. Mr. Reichard distributed his e-mail address (egreich@usgs.gov) and welcomed contact from anyone with further questions or information.

J. Other Business/Public Comments

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, announced that funding is available from USEPA until January 15, 2004. He also moderated a session on urban runoff in Modesto and submitted a video and several handouts of the session to the Chair for review by the WAC members. Mr. Mackenzie thanked SCWA for their sponsorship of the Global Climate Change program, and announced that the next workshop *Transportation Alternatives* is taking place on 11/15 9:00am – 4:30pm at SSU.

K. Items for the Next Agenda

Update of Eel River

Update on Monthly Usage of Water during the Month of October.

L/R/T2 Sub-Committee Report

Expediting change in Governance

L. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION:

Yarish, Tom
Garvey, Terrence
Solomon, Marc
Hulme, Lynn
Lesko, Diane
Chavez, Gail
Sanford, Allison
Gilard, Pat
Healy, Mike
Bramfitt, Mark
Fuson, Mike
Bandur, Al
Flores, Armando
Nakano, Gerry
Timmsen, Jo
King, John
Downy, Jim
Pegg, Kiergan
Pinsky, Dave
Webber, Renee
Leppert, Ross
Marchetti, Sharon
Donley, Steve
Admin Secretary
Bender, Jane
Keene, Bill
Kier, Bill
Massey, Bill
Leivo, Carl
Ban, Mike
Nicolai, Pam
Berlant, Paul
Poole, Randy
Phelps, Steve
Rizvi, Syed
Bertolero, Toni
Jenkins, Darin

Anderson, Bob
Adelman, Brenda
DeGabriele, Chris
Liscum, Ross
Sanford, Ronald
Stutrod, Paul
Flugum, Jim
Lincoln, George
McEnhill, Don
Petrie, Al
Robertson, Bill
Keller, David
Perezselsky, Eve
Lincoln, George
Stillman, Cordel
Roxon, Dana
Evans, Noreen
Ferris, Miles
Gibson, Jack
Mackenzie, Jake
Orchard, Janet
Jasperse, Jay
Daugherty, Jim
Nelson, John
Arnold, Joyce
Kumar, Krishna
Harry, Lee
Martini, Mike
Mullan, Matt
Jeane, Pam
Torliatt, Pam
Proter, Virginia
Theisen, Ron
Simmons, Steve
Anderson, Tim
Vidak-Marinez, Vicki
Downs, HR